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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of December 10, 2004, please note that the Examiner's first instruction on page 3:

> "Replace "the product of step (f)" in step b) of claim 24 with --- the hybridization product of step (e)---."

mistakenly referred to "claim 24"; it should have referred to "claim 26," and stated:

"Replace "the product of step (f)" in step b) of claim 26 with --- the hybridization product of step (e)---."